

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

On page 16 (paragraph 5) of the Office Action, the Examiner states "the prior art fails to disclose a method comprising wherein the first timestamp is a full timestamp and the second timestamp is a compressed timestamp, as in claim 23."

Claim 19 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 23. Thus, amended claim 19 contains all of the elements of allowed claim 23. Accordingly, amended claim 19 is allowable as being the same as allowed claim 23. Given that claims 20-22 and 24-26 depend from claim 19, Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are likewise allowable.

Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to include the language of claim 23 that the Examiner found to be allowable. Thus, Applicant submits that amended claim 1 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 23. Given that claims 2-7 and 9 depend from claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are likewise allowable.

Additionally, claim 27 has been amended to include the language of claim 23 that the Examiner found to be allowable. Thus, Applicant submits that amended claim 27 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 23. Given that

claims 28-29 depend from claim 27, Applicant respectfully submits that those claims are likewise allowable.

Additionally, claim 30 has been amended to include the language of claim 23 that the Examiner found to be allowable. Thus, Applicant submits that amended claim 30 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 23. Given that claim 31 depends from claim 30, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 31 is likewise allowable.

Conclusion

Claims 1-7, 9, 19-22, 24-31 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 10-08-04

By: 

Steven R. Sponseller
Reg. No. 39,384
(509) 324-9256